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THE NARRAGANSETT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, A. K. McMillan, President; James Galvin, Secretary; meets 2d and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

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MEXICAN LONGE No. 11, K. of L., Fred W. Williamson, Chancellor Commander; Thomasas London, Keeper of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.

Local Flatters,

Looking at Street Rollers.

Street Commissioner Cotton and Alderman Pike and Councilman Gash, of the Highway committee, and Councilman Comstock, visited Cambridge, Wednesday for the purpose of inspecting steam rollers—Cambridge being known to have both an English and an American machine in use. The gentlemen were courteously received and given every opportunity to examine the rollers. They found that many improvements had been made since the building of our roller, which has been in service for about 15 years.

Ours cost \$500, but is by no means the same make (English), with all the improvements, can be bought for \$1,500; and the American machine is about the same price. Our roller is very much out of repair, requiring an outlay of upwards of \$1500 to be made serviceable for the summer campaign, and the visit to Cambridge was to decide which would be more for the city's interest, the repairing the old roller or the purchase of a new one.

The Voting Lists,

The new voting lists for the year 1891 have just been printed at this office and are now posted as required by law. The lists contain many new names and are larger than ever before. The number of names on the list is 406, of which 242 are taxpayers and 153 regis-try voters. The wards are divided as follows:

Wards.	1	2	3	4	5
Taxpayers Registry	523	567	529	566	520
Total	567	583	567	523	520

Mrs. Charlotte Chase, wife of Mr. Arthur W. Chase, died at her home in Middletown, Tuesday, the victim of pneumonia, leaving a husband and five small children to mourn her loss. She was a devoted wife and mother, a kind, thoughtful neighbor and friend, and her funeral on Thursday was attended by hosts of mourners. She was a member of Newport Associates, No. 4, N. M. R. A., and a delegation from that order, including eight of its officers, attended the funeral.

Col. A. A. Barker, of 162 and 164 Broadway, has just received a large stock of the Stockbridge fertilizers and snow ready to fill promptly all orders or the same.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will give an entertainment and social at Masonic Hall on the evening of March 25, for the benefit fund of the order.

S. M. Stevens, formerly of this city, has been elected Secretary of the Board of Stockholders of the Defense Fair Association of Defiance, Ohio.

Mr. John W. Covell has returned from his annual southern trip.

PROPOSED NEW SEWERS.

The Work for Which the Taxpayers are Asked on the 14th Proximo to Appro-priate Money.

The special election for the considera-tion of a proposition to appropriate \$70,000 for the building of sewers and for the improvement of permanent streets will be held a week from next Thursday, and as the sum asked for is somewhat large it may be of interest to know the character and importance of the work for which the money is asked. According to the proposition, if it passes, \$50,000 of the amount will be used in the construction of new sewers, the more important of which will be the Coggeshall avenue sewer, so-called, es-timated at \$10,000; the sewer for the Gibbs street district, estimated at \$10,000, and the Friendship street sewer, and extension of the Broadway sewer, the whole to be done in accordance with the most excellent menu speeches were in order and the evening was one of great enjoyment to all present. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

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Second Vice-President—Benjamin Baker, '72.
Secretary—Charles H. Thorson, '72.
Executive Committee—William P. Buffum, '72; Fred M. Hammett, '72; R. P. Fuller, '72.

Brown Alumni Dinner.

The Brown University Alumni Association of Newport had an exceedingly interesting gathering at the Perry House Thursday evening. It was the annual dinner of the Association, and the guests included President Andrews and Prof. Upton of the University, Mr. Ray Green Huling, president of the New Bedford Association, Dr. C. A. Brackett of the Harvard Club of Rhode Island, Rev. W. A. Luce, Mr. L. D. Davis, Dr. Fred Bradley, Col. Leslie, and Lt. Col. Commander Moore, U. S. N. After complete justice had been done to the most excellent menu speeches were in order and the evening was one of great enjoyment to all present. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

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New Telephone Work.

The Providence Telephone Company have got thirty 75-foot and two 90-foot poles on the way from New York. These poles are to be set between the Central station and the Gas works, west of Thames street, the two 90-foot poles going into the docks. These poles will take all the electrical wires of the city that go south, except those of the Western Union, and will result in the removal of two lines of poles from Young street to the Gas works. The Providence Company are erecting a line of new poles from Bateman's Point to connect with the above line, having already completed the work from Bateman's to the entrance to Fort Adams. On all the poles are top crossarms for the exclusive use of the city fire alarm wires.

Mr. Thomas J. Bohanna, of No. 7 Maitland court, died at the Hospital early Wednesday morning from the effects of rat poison which he had taken with suicidal intentions. The deceased was intoxicated on Sunday and Monday last and in consequence lost his position as night watchman at Swinburne, Peckham & Co.'s mill. He was not in the habit of getting intoxicated and the disgrace of being locked up and losing his job made him despondent and temporarily insane. He was an indolent man with a genial disposition and he leaves many friends and acquaintances all of whom give him an excellent reputation. He leaves a wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Gorgesshal Jr., will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the irreparable loss of their eldest daughter, Miss Charlotte Jr., who died at an early hour Thursday morning. She was a most estimable young lady, a graduate of Roger High School in the class of '89, and at the time of her death was an assistant teacher in the First Grammar school of the Coddington building. She had hosts of friends and acquaintances over whom her death has cast a shadow of great sadness. She had been sick but about eleven weeks.

Washington's birthday coming on Sunday this year Monday was a legal holiday, and as such was very generally observed in Newport, the schools, banks and government offices being closed. Public and private flags throughout the city were thrown to the breeze and the usual noon salute by the Artillery Company was fired from Long wharf. Sunday evening appropriate sermons were preached at the two Methodist churches, at the First to the Artillery Company, and at the Thames street to the Masonic bodies, and each was well attended.

The proposed sewer for the Gibbs street district, if built, will start at a man-hole in the main sewer west of the railroad and run along the track to the north end of Long lane, so called, thence through the Hunter land to Evans street, through Evans, Butler, Southmayd, and different streets of the Prescott Hall land, to Hall avenue, and will provide sewerage for those portions of the Hunter and Maitland estates not reached by the present Third street sewer. At any time when the future may demand it this sewer may be extended from Hall avenue to the Middletown line, via Shoshfield and Malbone avenues and the valley of Thru-ton's Brook.

It is proposed to sewer Friendship street by laying a pipe from the Hospital property, to the Howard avenue sewer. The extension of the Broadway sewer from the City Asylum to Vernon avenue is also an improvement provided for the proposition.

The Micesters Union held its regular meeting Monday morning, when an excellent paper on "The Anomalies, Incongruities and Eccentricities of Modern Civilization" was read by Rev. G. B. Smith of Jamestown.

Inquiries for summer cottages continue brisk, and the prospects for a big season in Newport for 1891 are of the brightest.

The Tiverton Bridge Question.

A preliminary hearing on the question of widening the draw and deepening the channels, etc., at the stone bridge and the railroad bridge in Tiverton was held at the Newport quarters of the U. S. Engineers corps Tuesday afternoon. All the several towns and parishes that would be affected by any change were represented except the Old Colony R. R. Company. Major Livermore presided and opened the meeting to reading the national laws relative to the matter and the order of the Secretary of War, calling the hearing, after which the petition of Daniel Church, and others, asking that each bridge be provided with two draws, each to be 100 feet wide, with an increased depth of water in the channels, was considered. Each of the town representatives was of the opinion that any expense of maintaining or altering these bridges should be borne by the State, which it was shown, owned the bridges; and it being only a preliminary hearing, that was about the only discussion brought out.

The Newport schooner now being built by C. & G. M. Hodgdon at East Booth Bay, Me., from designs drawn by Mr. Geo. F. Crandall, of this city, is to be christened Geo. E. Vernon, after our late townsmen. The work upon the vessel is progressing satisfactorily, the frame having been all hewed out and now being brought to the yard. The keel is laid and the stern-frame raised, and the vessel is expected to be all framed before the middle of April.

Wednesday evening's regular meeting of Gen. A. G. Lawrence Camp, S. of V., was a very enjoyable affair. An interesting paper by Senior Vice Commander Clarke of Chas. E. Lawton Post, giving a history of the Twelfth Rhode Island heavy artillery in the Rebellion, brought out many pleasing stories from different gentlemen present, including Col. A. P. Sherman, Geo. B. Smith, Charles Barker, Fred A. Clarke, and Dr. Chas. W. Brown.

The milk business is a prominent industry in Newport, upwards of seventy-five farmers having already registered at the office of the newly appointed inspector of milk dealers in that healthful fluid, and this plan meets the expectations of her owners.

The male quartette of the Union Congregational church on Division street, Morris, Thomas Johnson, Fred Rice, Frank Rice and D. B. Gardner, drew a large audience to their concert Wednesday evening, the unpleasant weather notwithstanding. They were ably assisted in their entertainment by Professors Merle, Herbert and Fredericks and Misses Bailey and Chase, Mr. Jennings and Mrs. Fayerweather.

An excellent collection of Indian relics, picked up on the field after the recent battle at Wounded Knee Creek by George Sherrard, a Newport boy who is a member of Troop A, 7th U. S. Cavalry, has attracted much attention during the past week in the show windows of Messrs. Sayer Brothers, on Thames street.

Mr. Eliza L., wife of Mr. John J. Bliss, died Tuesday evening after a brief illness from pneumonia, and the funeral was solemnized from her husband's residence on Division street yesterday afternoon. The deceased was a most estimable, Christian lady and her sudden taking away has brought sincere grief to a wide circle of friends.

The "Pilgrim" and the "Providence" are in commission this season for the winter passenger business of the Fall River Line. All seasons are alike, however, to these great triumphs of naval architecture and construction; and for them winter has no discomforts.

Discomforts and dangers are annihilated when, as at present, the two great steamers, the "Pilgrim" and the "Providence" consort for the winter business of the Fall River Line. Within their hospitable interiors glum winter is transformed into glorious summer.

Itt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, will be in Newport Palm Sunday, three weeks from to-morrow, and administer the rite of confirmation at St. George's church in the morning and at St. John's church in the evening.

Col. W. A. Stedman writes that they have had a delightful winter on the Pacific Coast and that all the Newport contingent to Tacoma's population are enjoying themselves in their western homes.

Grand Master Trumper of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Rhode Island, re-appointed Mr. C. Griffith, of Rhode Island Lodge of this city, deputy grand master of this district.

Mr. John W. Anchincloss, of New York, who owns a summer villa on Castle Hill, has been at Hartmann's.

Mr. W. C. Carry presented the Newport Historical Society with an ocean shrub of about three feet in height. It is a rare and handsome thing.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, with a party of gentlemen friends, sailed on his steam yacht Alva, Saturday, for Bermuda and Madeira.

Four weeks from to-morrow will be Easter Sunday.

Election of Officers.

The annual convocation of Newport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was held Tuesday evening and the following officers elected for the ensuing year. The new officers were installed the same evening by M. E. Grand High Priest, R. S. Franklin, assisted by A. K. McNamee, as grand captain of the host. High Priest—Frank E. Thompson. King—William H. Lee. Guide—Andrew J. DeMolay. Treasurer—D. M. Coggerham, Jr. Secretary—A. C. Arnett. Chaplain—George G. Langley. Captain of the Host—Joseph W. Sampson. Principal Esquire—John G. Glavin, '20. Royal Arch Captain—F. G. Waters. Master of the 33rd Degree—William P. Gardner. Master of the 14th Degree—John J. DeMolay. Steward—William J. Iggy. Treasurer—E. Sheron. Tyler—J. G. Spangler.

At the regular meeting of Davis Division, No. 8, Uniform Rank, K. of P., the 20th instant, the following officers were elected and installed, Sir Knight Everett J. Gorton performing the work:

Sir Knight Captain—George W. Barlow.

Sir Knight Guard—George A. Wilcox.

Sir Knight Esquire—Charles A. Caswell.

Sir Knight Treasurer—George W. Barlow.

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Poetry.

Church Festivals and Fairs.

"Church festivals, loves and fairs,
What's their sin, are only sins;
They're deep-fallen to raise the wind.
Just suited to the carnal mind.
They serve as buffers to blind men's eyes,
As though it judged us scurvy.
Attended with much fun and zest,
Where those who have the script to pay,
May pass and jape and play.
At last they offer toys and gifts,
With trifles and with gaudy wail.
The world pass for Hiny's "Vanity Fair."
The same's true of their forces,
Designed the carnal mind to please,
Where rowdy, want and priest scribble.
To give the crowd a first rate."

"They are all but ridiculous sprawls,
Got in the church, and serve as a snare,
With a show of virtue, their actors' worth
Of fun and frolic, tricks and mirth.
Young folks," say, "they won't will you,
And for the sim, they'll freely give;
We'd not curtail their liberty,
This is what we do by the boys;
It is a sin, but there's fun,
And have it where we'll only come,
And keep them from the outside, you know,
While young folks are apt to go.
Their money, too, is the best we've
By far, and we'll not hold back;
And saving it for church debts don't
It proves a plan both art and new,
In former days we would not dare
To have a church lease or fair,
But times are changed, and, you know,
Makes us go of us and instead too."

"When they concluded to have a piece,
The church was all set up and ready,
To have a sin added each ball and beam,
Who draw the crowd where'er they go;
And always given general call
To every great, great and small;
They advertise for such a grand light,
A grand light, a grand light,
Then with them—"Dance till to-morrow;
You'll get your money's worth of fun.
Just pay your quarter at the door—
It's worth the money four times over;
Ice cream and oysters, kegs of beer,
Bacon, ham, and other charming bibles;
Candy sodas, the best in town,
With forty frogs twenty quid down.
We'll lotteries and grab bags too,
An officer here, with mail for you,
Gold rings and diamonds, and nice,
We ain't got a cent a slice,
And then if any wish to raffle,
With such dealers we would not trifl,
If we the objects may present.
We shall prove it the way
Concerning you with little pay,
Watching no scruples should arise.
An old clown will stand there,
And make you laugh at the fair,
An amateur, and break the spell
With clever notes at intervals."

"That now, just and saint profane
Who have God's name in their ways,
They make the church a banquet house,
Where all the rabble may carbuncle,
In pride and lust and tricks and fun,
Till ten at night, perhaps the one.
Goliath as he walks alone,
Who's not afraid to go to play."
"Thee, 'evil servants,' said the Lord,
Who eat and drink with drunken 'horses'
O that they would one moment pause,
And see how they disgrace God's cause,
While writhly mouthly justify 'em.
It seems that we're no worse in them."

"Where are the saints of former days,
Who honor God in their ways?
We gather round their walls,
And keep their lives in prayer and praise;
And in their closets can but grieve
What others make a den of thieves,
Of churches, which were once the place
Of piety, and now are filled with grace,
Whose hearts are very turned to sin,
The church and world get up a speech,
And call the noble fat and mean,
To come and join in worldly cheer?

"Where are these watchmen, faithful truly,
Who sleep not all this dark night through;
Who see the danger far ahead,
And promptly all the truth declare,
And move the world with words of men,
Who are the watchmen of their class;
Who love the flock and not the fleece;
Who'd rather work than take their ease;
Who'd rather serve than be a guest,
Who never averse to play the real.
Who's not afraid to let his day,
And never fret about their pay;
But faithful to their trust go on;
That they may hear the word—well done."

Selected Tale.

A NEAR SHAVE.

I am but a common man, with next to no book learning—certainly nothing like as much as is wantin' to make anything proper to put in print. Nevertheless, I'm going to do my best to tell a story of summat that happened to me, and which beyond all doubt was more than a little bit out of the common run of things. And while you're listenin' to me—I mean while you're a-readin'—you must please think of me as Amos Kerr, a rough collier, who's spent the best part of his life, boy and man, at the bottom of a coal pit.

It ain't a cheerful sort of life, as you may easily guess, and it folks thought the matter out they'd be ready to make excuses for us if, when we get up into the fresh air, we are a bit rougher and untidier in our ways than most men. I don't say we're bound to be wild, but I want to put it so that you'll remember there is two sides to this question as well as to most others.

I wasn't so bad a lad as some I worked among. I could drink and swear and gamble my money away at cards and pigin' flyin', but for all that I might have been a great deal worse than I was if it hadn't been for Margaret Kerr, and for the great love I'd had for her ever since she had been a little toddlin' thing of eight and me a big, clumsy lad of thirteen. You see there were five years between us, and we'd grown up as brother and sister, for her father and mine were brothers. I should like to tell you what Meg was like, only I know I couldn't never find the words that would suit her curly obstinate hair and her big blue eyes, and what could I say of her sweet mouth and the bloom on her soft cheeks, and the little dimple that came when she smiled; and of how she looked when I grieved her, which I did only too often from the very first, only, thank Heaven, I never vexed her so bad that she left off caring for me?

I was left an orphan at thirteen. My mother had died at my birth, and my father was killed in a Welsh colliery; so, as was natural, I went to live with my uncle, who kept the "Cross Keys" inn at Cannock. He got me a job at the West Cannock Colliery, and so it came about that I grew up with my cousin, Margaret. My uncle, Job Kerr, was a well-dun man. He kept his public very strict, and wouldn't encourage no evil way there. It was used to say that no honest man could hope to thrive on the money that was-trills and losels spent on makin' beasts of themselves. And no doubt he was right, for his house had a good name, and he got on year by year, till he'd bought a bit of land out of Edgesford way and a few shares in some of the new collieries.

"It's the duty of every man to be savin'," he would say, "both as regard his old age and as regards his children. We've only got leg left, but that don't mind me being as careful as if all three of the bairns had lived, 'stead of only one. Meg'll make a real tidy wife for any man, brought up as she's been—even if her husband got nothing along with her; but she won't go from her home empty-handed, and therefore I don't mean to give her to a man as I don't think well."

This he said so often that I knew his sentiments off by heart, and I knew, too, that he didn't think so very well of me. No more did my aunt, who was even harder to please than him. Perhaps you'll say that I ought to have kep' straight, seen' that my lot was thrown among them na' held themselves above all low ways; but accordin' to my

experience, things in general, and lads in particular, don't always go exactly as they ought to do, spite of all that's said to the contrary. There was plenty of evil put in my way, and if I stood out again it four days there came a fifth when I made a mess o' matters.

Now, my uncle and aunt took too little account o' the good spall, and a deal too much o' those wretched things when—with a chap I liked 'icinz my along, and a chap I hated, joinin' and sneerin' at me—I did what I was sorry for afterwards, only couldn't undo. But I suppose they were pretty patient with me, for I lived over ten years in their house, which miles and miles away, and Mizzie eighteen, and all those ten years I had givin' me lovin' her more and more every day; but I had not spoken of it, for my parents were taught to speak of it, as I've shown, my uncle wasn't like it, he had lost his listen to me. Yet they let her go for a walk with me a Saturday evening up to the Chase, and I there would sit us down on the short grass and brother, and look across at the sun settings behind the Wrekin and the little villages with a soft glow of blues and gold over them here and there in the valley. Then I would tell Margaret all I could tell her of what had befallen me in the week, and she would talk to me as no one else had the knack, and I would walk home beside her, listenin' to her and makin' up my mind to good resolves, which I didn't always keep, and which I was mortal ashamed of breakin'; but who knows what would have become of me if I had never made them?

All that time—though I often told her there was no one in the world I cared for except her, yet I never tried to win a promise from her, or to flout it out if she really spoke all that was in her heart when she said:

"You are the only brother I have, Amos; so I must love you as much as I should have loved the little brother and sister who died before I was born."

In that winter we used to sit together in the little room behind the bar, where only very old customers ever took the liberty of comin'—Meg with her work, and me with a book, which I used to try and spoil out with a helpin' hand from her. It was my uncle who served in the bar, and my aunt helped him on a busy night. Meg never went there—that was one o' the ways she'd been brought up careful. It was her work to go to the lodgers' rooms and their cookin', when there were lodgers—which was often nor that. She and I often had the little parlor all to ourselves, and if any one came in we was apt to feel sorely put out, as if no one else had a right there; only, naturally, I couldn't say nay about such a thing.

It was when Meg was about eighteen that this all began to change a little. Firstly, I could see that my aunt and uncle were gettin' shy of our walkin' about together; and we'd do all they could to hinder it, quietly; and, nextly, there came Mr. Ralph Henderson to turn everything topsy-turvy.

I'm not goin' to ple myself in any way against Mr. Henderson; if I was to him, and perhaps others, would think I had taken leave of my senses, for he was one of the engineers at the West Cannock Colliery, while I was only a working miner. He was a man about thirty years of ago, tall, and well favored in the face and build, but for all his fine, gentleman ways, and his smart clothes, and his carry-all-before-him sort of air; in one thing he and I ran on the same level, only he was far behind me—yes, certainly, far behind, for he couldn't never have loved Margaret Kerr near so well as I did.

He came to West Cannock with a great notion of his own importance about him, and when some one recommended him to lodge at the "Cross Keys," he'd more'n half a mind to turn up his nose at the idea; but lodgin' bein' scarce, he came to see about it, and once he had seen Meg, his mind was made up. He took the best bedroom, and another room to sit in, which he didn't often use, for he purposed sittin' elsewhere.

From the hour he took up his abode at the "Cross Keys" he was just what he liked to be—that is, cock of the walk. It was Mr. Henderson this, and Mr. Henderson that, and such a fuss about doin' his cookin' right, and such fads about all that had to do with him, that I was reg'lar sick of his very name, perhaps you'll think I was jealous of him; but that wasn't it. My mind had been made up about dislikin' him, as soon as I set eyes on him.

He wasn't a favorite in general, neither, for he'd a hard temper and a bitter tongue. It may have been the shadow of what was to come that sell so dark betwix me and him; I'm not elvorn enough to make out such things, but, whether or no, I took again him before he ever saw Margaret, and I make no doubt he had much the same feeling for me, though he wouldn't have confesded to own it.

I'd been stiddy for a long spell then. I'd been wonderin' if, now that she and I were both of an age to think of sweet-hearting, I might work my way up a bit, so as to count for more in my uncle's sight. But when I came home night after night, and found Mr. Henderson sitting just where I used to sit, with a good cigar between his teeth—which he always asked Meg's leave to light—talkin' away, and makin' himself as agreeable as never was, and lookin' at me as if he somehow had to go make this tipsy row in a more suitable place.

"Thon you'll trouble me to no purpose!" I made answer. "I'm no more tipsy than you are yourself, and there's no man living shall order me out of this room."

"I needn't tell you how miserable I was in them days and nights. At my work I went over and over the good times we'd had before Mr. Henderson got in the light, and from that to the grudge I had against him for his stuck-up ways. Then I'd puzzle my head whether Meg cared most for me or for him. With him she was rather stand-off and quiet; but when he talked to her she answered him respectful, as if she always bore in mind that he was above her in station, and when he was not there she scarce spoke of him at all. Sometimes I'd tell myself she did all this because she didn't care a rap about him, and yet couldn't venture to send him about his business; but other times I turned the matter the other way, and felt sure she fought shy of him because she thought more of him than of them as she treated freer and easier.

With such thoughts in my head all day, I fell gloomy and sulky o' nights, and when I sneaked out o' the back door, as I're said, it was to drown them if I could, and no matter how.

At last, one wet Sunday evening in the Winter, when my uncle and aunt had gone to church, and Meg was stayin' to keep house, I made up my mind that now or never the time had come for me to find out how matters were to turn betwix us, and whether I was to be happy or miserable for the rest of my days. Mr. Henderson was gone to Stafford for the day, so I knew as I opened the parlor door that the coast would be clear of him. There was no light in the room but the fire, which wasn't very bright, neither, and for half a minute I thought she wasn't there. But she spoke out of the darkness near the window.

"Come in, Amos," she said; "it's a nasty, wet night outside, isn't it?"

"Why, Mizzie, you're all in the dark," I said, as I groped my way past the chairs, "wouldn't it be more cheerful-like if we lit it up?"

"Just as you please, Amos—if you don't think the floggin's good enough for talkin' by," she mumbled.

"Now I wanted to see her face better than by the flickering light o' the blaze; besides, it wasn't like her to stink at me—it did what I was sorry for afterwards, only couldn't undo. But I suppose they were pretty patient with me, for I lived over ten years in their house, which miles and miles away,

and a great son. Thou I turned round and went out of the room, and out of the house, and away out of Cannock altogether. I wasn't goin' to stay there and see Margaret Kerr the wife of Mr. Henderson.

"I was thinkin', Amos," she said, "And what were you thinkin' of, last night? Was it, maybe, about me?"

"I was thinkin' o' many things, Amos, and you know 'em," she said. "That's all right," I answered. "I'm glad to see you haven't give up thinkin' about me."

"Way, Amos," she said, "what do you say for that? A nol's to change toward these I care for?"

She looked at me as she said it, and I could speak as plain as ever. I'll tell you her different her look was from any other I ever saw; but I don't know if let any one know what I'd become of me. Sometimes, though, I had a bitter longing to go back and see her again for I couldn't leave her. I've put any one in the place I'd waited for to take; but I got the better of my aches and sickness, and then went on, till it was a matter of seven 'clock when I turned my back on Cannock.

Then one day I was took greatly aback by some one who clapped me on the back and called me by my own name. It was one of my old mates from the West. Can't pis, and the sight of him made me all of a sudden hungrier for news of her than ever I'd been.

"Come and have a pint a the pub for the sake of old times, Amos," says he, and you may think if I went nothin' loth.

"He's not come straight from Cannock; he'd been knapskin' about from one pit to another for a couple of years. Nevertheless, he'd plenty to tell me, and I let him go without venturin' to try and get him to tell what my ears were burnin' to hear."

"I'm much obliged to you, Sir," I made answer; but I didn't tell him that it was a dearer shave than even he was aware of.—[All the Year Round]

Blits of Information.

The factories of England, France,

Germany and Holland produce about

160,000,000 tons daily.

Parisians send each year 35,000,000

letters, 13,000,000 postal cards and 35,-

000,000 newspapers.

It is said there are only two red slate

quarries in the United States, one in

Vermont and the other in Virginia.

The largest county in the United

States is Custer County, in Montana,

which contains 36,000 square miles.

All the post offices in Italy receive mon-

ey on deposit, allowing interest at the

rate of 3% per cent, per annum, and a dividend paid every five years.

In New York, recently, while a two-

years old boy was playing with a lead

pencil, he slipped and fell on it. It penetrated his eye and killed him.

Marshall Pass on the Denver & Rio

Grande Railroad, 10,831 feet above the sea level, is the highest point crossed by any railroad inside the limits of the United States.

It is usually said that there are but

seven nine-lettered monosyllabic words

in the English language, viz., scratches,

scratched, crunched, scratched, screeched,

squealed, squealed and cracked.

It has been estimated that 23,000,000

bushels of oysters are opened annually

in the United States, representing an

accumulation of shells, amounting to not less than 243,300,000 cubic feet,

which if spread out, would cover a

space of more than 450,000 yards to a depth of three feet.

Two stenographers took 120,000

words of the Senate's bill for debate,

closed at midnight after lasting fourteen hours. They dictated their notes into phonographs for type writers to transcribe, had all the copy ready for the printers by eight o'clock in the morning, and the Record was on the desks of the senators when Congress convened.

Finland, the northwesternmost provi-

nce of Russia, is a country 700 miles

long, and, on an average, 200 miles

wide, embracing an area nearly 11 times

that of the British Isles. It has a com-

merce of considerable importance, sev-

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The Mercury.

John P. HANSON, Editor and Proprietor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1891.

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, is rapidly proving himself a nuisance.

It is now claimed that Senator Sherman intends to retire to private life at the close of this senatorial term.

Thanks to Dr. Gove in the Senate on Tuesday cut down the bill of the House Committee on special legislation one-half.

The new uniforms for the State militia have cost nearly \$10,000. The appropriation made last year, and believed to be adequate, was \$80,000.

A new and very strict divorce law has been introduced into the General Assembly. It also provides a penalty of imprisonment of from six months to three years for desertion.

That was a little piece of spite which induced some of our State law makers to introduce a bill to deprive the Sabatarians of Westerly and Hopkinton of the right to go about their usual avocations on Sunday.

Congress has passed the bill increasing the salaries of the U. S. District Judges from \$3,000 to \$5,000. If they have generally no more to do than the judge of this district has, the former salary is sufficient.

The state senate constituted a committee of pardons this week to whom the Governor can refer all applications from the states prison for pardon. The committee consists of Senators Brown, Morey and Watson.

The U. S. House of Representatives has passed the direct tax bill, by which the government will pay back to the various states the amount paid by them to the General Government in 1802. By this bill Rhode Island will get \$10,000. The entire sum ought to be, when received, applied to the wiping out of the state debt.

Hon. Charles H. Page, of Seabrook, was on Saturday elected to Congress from the Second District by a large majority. Arnold's withdrawal left the Republicans without a candidate, so that Page had a walk over. Representative-elect Page is an honorable, upright man, and although an intense partisan, he will look out for the interests of his constituents at Washington, whether Democrats or Republicans.

The Democratic members of the State House of Representatives could not succeed in passing their proposed constitutional amendment on Tuesday. They lacked three votes. Two of their own party were honest enough to vote against the measure. Messrs. Hendricks and Sweet represent the old fashioned native Democratic constituencies, who have some regard for the constitution of the State. We wish there were more such. It is possible that there are more but they have not yet been discovered. It would seem to be a completely futile action for a member from any country town, whether he be a Democrat or a Republican, to vote to take away the power of his town and give it to the largest city in the state, thereby centralizing the governing power of the state in one city.

Since the Democratic love feast in Providence Monday night it is claimed that everything is lovely and the "goose hangs high." In other words that the McNallyites of Providence are going in hand and glove to help elect those that helped defeat their leader last fall, that Mayor Pond no longer bankers for the Governorship and that he will with a smiling countenance make his little X against the name of Gov. Davis, and that Mr. Ives is to be allowed the privilege of again leading the Newport Democracy, the "sieve" business that was talked about after the municipal election last fall being postponed indefinitely. Boss Carroll says that all things are serene in the spindly city of Rhode Island, that notwithstanding the fact that the people of his own city went back on him at the municipal election he is to be triumphantly reelected to the General Assembly. All this is very pretty but there is an old saying that it is not safe to count chickens before they are hatched.

Do the members of the General Assembly from Newport realize to what extent they are misrepresenting their constituents when they vote for a constitutional amendment, giving the General Assembly power to call constitutional conventions whenever they please? Do they realize what a constitutional convention will do for Newport? Is the first place it will cut her off from being one of the state capitals. It will centralize all the power of the state in the city of Providence by giving her some eight or ten senators and twenty to thirty representatives. It will diminish the power of the country towns of the state by cutting off their representation. Newport, and Newport county, have everything to lose and nothing to gain by a constitutional convention. The suffrage question has been settled by the Bourne amendment so the representatives of the Democratic party have not that as an argument why they should vote for a constitutional convention. The only thing they can accomplish by such action is to aid in taking away power from the city of Newport and centralizing it in the city of Providence. That city is now controlled by the great mass of voters in the tenth ward, and if they can carry out their desire and get a constitutional convention the laws will be so fixed that that ward will be the controlling power of the state. We do not believe, when they know the facts, that the great mass of the people of Newport, either Republicans or Democrats, want any constitutional convention.

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CONDENSED NEWS.

Saturday, Feb. 21.
Camden, Me., is 100 years old.
An insidious riot occurred at Lynn.
Trouble among railroad men threatens at Pittsburg.
Winter wheat in Kansas was never in better condition.
Several desperate prisoners escaped from jail at Springfield, Ill.
A schooner with 700 tons of crude rubber arrived at Providence.
Maine workmen wish to have the so-called "conspiracy act" repealed.
A servant girl at Springfield, Mass., accused of stealing, attempted suicide.
Tokar has been occupied by the Egyptian troops, who met with but slight resistance.
Herbert Hodgeson, aged 11 years, was drowned while skating on Mumford river, Northbridge, Mass.

A Minnesotan shot a young lady for rejecting his intentions, and then started out holding religious services.
Official information from Chili makes little light of the rebellion there, but private advices are not so reassuring.
President S. C. Bartlett of Dartmouth college slipped on the ice in Hanover and fractured both bones of his right arm.
There was a collision between the police and Anarchists at St. Denis, Paris. Twenty of the ringleaders were arrested.
Much suffering and privation and about \$1,000,000 damage to property was caused at Wheeling, W. Va., by the Ohio river flood.

Sunday, Feb. 22.
Osman Dignat is bleeding to Kussala.
There are signs of an early convolution in the British labor world.
Six persons were buried to death in a Brooklyn tenement house.
An international peace congress is to be held in November in Rome.
The infant son of Emperor William has been quite sick for several days.
Lawyer Marsh, the victim of Mine, Diss Dr. Bar, is again in the toils of spirit mediums.

Immense damage has been done by floods in the Ohio valley. Thousands of persons are homeless.
Ernest Winnin is of the opinion that the Liberal party will triumph in Canada in the coming election.
There was a bloody battle at Tokur, near Skatin. Osman Dignat's devishes were defeated by the Egyptians with great loss.
Two hundred Chilian refugees have crossed the Andes and arrived in Mendoza. They state that the Chilian insurgents, led by Urrieta, hold Potosi, Iquique, Antofagasta and Chanaral.

Professor Charles Walstein, the American archaeologist, announces that he has definitely withdrawn from the competition for the honor of marking the excavation on the site of the ancient city of Delphi and the consequent studies.

Monday, Feb. 23.
The wife of a saloon-keeper at Croton, N. Y., eloped with a bartender.

Paco, Den., was elected to congress in the Second Rhode Island district.

A rich and prominent farmer of Dresden, Pa., has been arrested for forgery.

Friends of the bankrupt bill are combatting a proposition to substitute a system of voluntary bankruptcy for the Torrey bill.

Shephey, Rutan & Coolidge of Boston have won in the competition for the design of the Montreal Board of Trade building, to cost \$500,000.

The transways, omnibuses and underground railways which serve the area in and round London within a radius of five miles, leave little for the main lines of railway in that district and carry each year about 150,000,000 passengers.

Recent failures reported to Broad street's number 213 in the United States last week, against 200 the previous week, and 220 the corresponding week last year, Canada had 52 failures last week, against 83 the previous week.

A dispute from Washington says that after their grand tour of the United States in May, President and Mr. Harrison expect to go to their native at Cape May Point, and afterward to the mountains, perhaps spending some time with Mrs. McKee, and her brother at some New England resort where Mr. McKee can easily reach by train from Boston.

Tuesday, Feb. 24.
A big winter blizzard over the village of Afton, Me.

A fishing rod factory at Post Mills, Vt., was burned; loss \$30,000.

Charles Cross pleaded guilty of manslaughter for killing J. Liberty at Great Falls, N. H.

Congressman Yoder believes the tariff will defeat McKinley for the governorship of Ohio.

Henry M. Stanley has contracted to write some popular articles on his experiences in Africa.

William Massey, a lately deceased Philadelphia brewer, bequeathed \$100,000 to the House of Refuge.

Arthur L. Kellar, foreman of the Hampton works, Canton, O., was killed by a fall from a bicycle.

Lord Salisbury's reply on the Boerish question, now on its way to this country, is believed to favor arbitration.

Bill Player Knauss, under contract with the Columbus Association club, has been signed by the Cleveland League club.

An unknown man was struck by a switcher in the yard of the New England road in East Hartford and almost instantly killed.

It is announced that the pope has summoned Cardinal Gibbons to the Vatican for a conference on church questions in the United States.

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The "Sog" has cut down the freight rate on flour.

Senator Voorhees of Indiana is reported to be fast falling in health.

A cloud-burst at San Carlos, Ariz., caused great destruction of property.

The president has approved the act granting a pension to Gen. N. V. Banks.

A quite heavy fall of snow occurred in the states of Oregon and Washington.

The British ship Jeannette narrowly escaped being wrecked in San Francisco bay.

Fifteen persons received slight injuries by an accident on the Union Pacific railroad in Oregon.

Nearly the entire business part of Medina, O., was burned. Loss \$30,000. Insurance \$4,000.

The efforts to reorganize the American Loan and Trust company of New York were being continued.

Cal. Ingerson desires that he is to discuss the Shakespeare question with Ignatius Donnelly. He declined to do so.

Cubans mean business in the matter of reciprocity with the United States and have formed a propagandist committee.

The National bank of Windsor, Vt., has gone into voluntary liquidation, but western investments necessitating the closing of the bank.

Harry Wright has withdrawn his resignation as manager of the Philadelphia League club and signed a contract to continue manager for the next two years.

Col. Richard E. Oberle, colonel of the Twenty-first Infantry, U. S. Army, lately in command at Fort Sheridan, died in New York. He was east on leave of absence.

Laurel, the singer, will devote herself exclusively to teaching, and she will receive only eight pupils, and such that show that they have a future before them.

Hon. Jacob H. Gallingher and H. W. Greene spoke in the New Hampshire house of representatives in answer to certain charges made by Senator Chandler involving them.

William Astor has bought for \$50,000 a lot at Fifty-first street and Fifth avenue, New York, on which a magnificent residence is to be erected. It is believed that Mr. Astor purchased this lot as a wedding present to his son John Jacob.

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The Ayer (Mass.) bank defalcation will be larger than first estimated.

Nearly the entire business portion of Edmo, Mo., has been destroyed by fire.

Armondale, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo., suffered a loss of \$150,000 by fire.

Rev. J. H. Roberts, pastor of the Free Baptist church at Oakland, Me., has resigned.

Gossip in Philadelphia places Rev. Dr. McVicker's fee for the Astor-Willing wedding at \$10,000.

A much-needed village treasurer of College Point, L. I., has been found to have been a defrauder.

A congress of western states to consider economic questions is to meet in Kansas City, Kan., April 15.

Commander-in-Chief Veazey of the Grand Army is seriously sick at Rutland, Vt., being threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. McKee, the president's daughter, is preparing an article for a literary club in Indianapolis on the Pan-American congress.

Mrs. Ellinore Dexter, widow of Henry M. Dexter, editor of the Congregationalist, died in Boston. Mr. Dexter died Nov. 13 last.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad has arranged for the equipment of its passenger cars with hot water heaters.

The National Republican League calls for a reorganization of the Massachusetts league in order to prepare for the presidential campaign of 1892.

A bold break was made in a Cambridge, Mass., house by a young woman, who secured about \$1000 worth of diamonds. She was captured soon after.

It is reported that Gen. Fremont's heirs are to sue the government for their interest in Bird Island, an indisputable key to San Francisco harbor; \$1,000,000 is involved.

An Iowa judge has given an adverse decision in the case of a policy holder who sought to force a division of its surplus by the Connecticut Mutual Insurance company.

Rev. T. M. Davies, who has just given up the pastorate of the Pavilion church, Biddeford, has accepted a call to the Westminster Presbyterian church of Manchester, N. H.

Governor Russell of Massachusetts has abolished the upper north commission and appointed members of the state board of agriculture, who will serve gratuitously.

The death is announced of Sir Richard Sutton, the owner of the English enterer Genesis, which raced with the Boston canteen boat Puritan, in 1887 for the America cup.

Wednesday, Feb. 25.
Dominick McCaffrey wants to fight Jack Dempsey to a finish.

Trade-industries want a member of the new labor commission in England.

A death from hydrocephalus occurred at the Massachusetts general hospital.

Eighteen rebel officers, captured at Pisang, Chili, were shot in cold blood.

Members of the Chilian congress have been pronounced rebels and sentenced to deportation.

Champion Fred Barnes defeated Bullock in the New England championship billiard tournament.

A medical student at Greenwich, Eng., was sent to jail for fourteen days for kissing a girl against her will.

Crazy King Otto of Bavaria has sunk into a senseless torpor, from which there are slight hopes of his recovery.

At the New York dog show collies are called the best behaved dogs, although apparently unpopular and neglected.

A physician of Quebec was fined \$100 for going over to Ontario and prescribing for a patient, because he was not registered to Ontario.

Former residents of Canada met in Boston, and adopted resolutions in favor of unrestricted trade relations between the United States and Canada.

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Gehazi's unfitness to work this miracle, and the Shunamite's lack of faith in him, must not be overlooked.

The child is not awaked. This means that Gehazi thought the child was not dead.

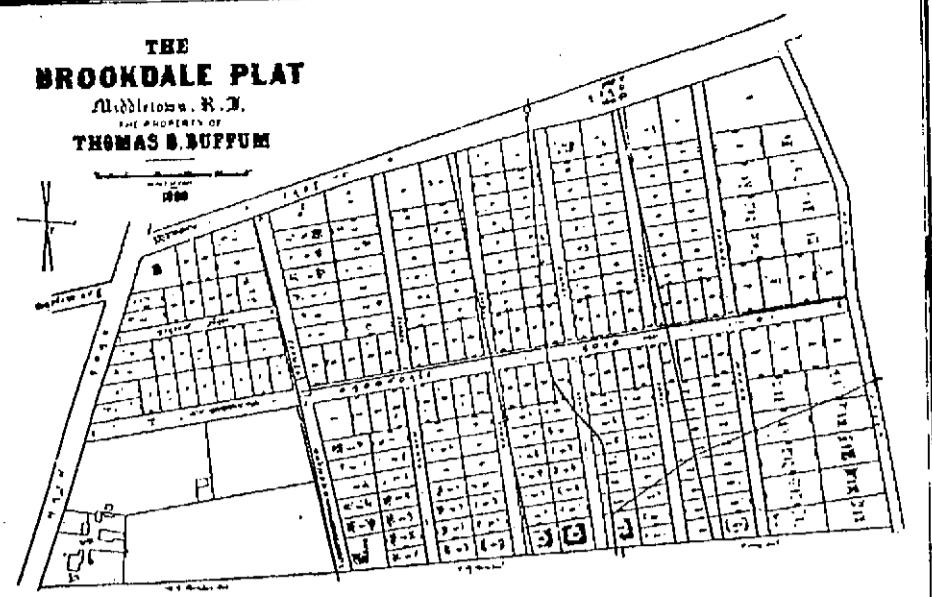
Sleep, even in the O. T., is sometimes used for death.

And when Elisha was come into the house, he saw the child lying on his bed, and the maid wept over him, and said, "My lord, O prophet of God, my son is dead." And Elisha said, "Go up, wash him, and lay him on my bed." And Gehazi passed over before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he returned to meet them, and told them, saying, "The child is not awaked."

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corded, and Susannah Weedon was granted permission to sell or mortgage certain real estate.

The council then resolved itself into a board of canvassers and revised the voting lists for the year. The next can- vass will be for the April election, will be made March 30.

The South grammar school entertainment, postponed from last week, drew a large audience at the town hall Monday evening, upwards of two hundred being present. The programme included vocal and instrumental music, dialogues, recitations, tableaux, etc., and was exceedingly well rendered, reflecting great credit upon the teacher, Miss Queripel, and pupils alike.

The sudden death of Mrs. Mary Tucker, the estimable wife of Mr. Charles Tucker, a son of Mr. Pardon Tucker of this town, which occurred at her home in Narragansett Tuesday, has made many mourners here.

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